

Department. It is therefore prayed that rules beneficial to all parties may be framed.

(2) The bagani tree cannot be indiscriminately tapped like the date tree, as it can be tapped only at a particular season. If the season is not taken advantage of, the drawer has to wait a long time before he can have another opportunity for tapping the tree. At present, owing to the delay in marking the tree, it becomes impossible to tap the tree in time. Hence it is prayed that the tree tax on bagani trees may be abolished and the average income from tree tax on the trees for five years may be recovered along with the shop tax, and villages sold separately. This course will, while safeguarding the revenue of Government, afford great encouragement to professional toddy-drawers and also obviate all hardships to occupants of land.

Reply of Government.—This will be considered.

LOCAL AND MUNICIPAL BOARDS

(Nos. 126 to 148.)

SUBJECT No. 126.

Taluk head-quarters to be always Municipalities.

Mr. S. Dasappa, Bangalore District Board.

Summary of discussion.—The retention of taluk head-quarters as Municipalities even though these contain a population of less than 5,000, will help considerably to keep up the activity of these places and their importance.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 127.

Improvement of Municipal Towns.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishnaiya, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—It is requested that Municipal towns may be improved by opening out congested parts by forming extensions, etc.

Reply of Government.—Necessary action is being taken in the matter and all that is possible will be done.

SUBJECT No. 128.

Village accounts for Municipal Funds.

Mr. Srinivas Sitaram Kulkarni, Harihar Sub-Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The subject of doing away with the unnecessary accounts relating to lands in Municipal towns and allowing stationery allowances to shanbhogs, was brought forward last year, when the Government replied that the question was noted and would be enquired into; the matter is again submitted for orders.

Reply of Government.—The matter is under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 129.

Special rules for the election of Mussalman Representatives for Municipal Councils.

Mr. B. Rassulkhan Sahib, Anjuman-i-Islamia, Chikmagalur.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that the system of election now in vogue may not be made general. It is requested that an exception be made in all Municipal towns in the case of the Mussalman community, who should be allowed to elect amongst themselves as many of the council members as the President or the Vice-President decides, with due regard to the local Muslim population.